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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Philadelphia, prices were slightly higher based on previous week averages, elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady at best to instances weak, mostly steady. Demand was mixed, light to fairly good at times, mostly moderate. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to at times available. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for immediate needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 2.5 cents higher for mediums, when based on previous week average prices. Prices were unchanged in Boston and New England. The market tone was cautious. Demand ranged from moderate to at times good. Supplies were generally adequate. Breaking stock offerings were mostly adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for trading needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to instances good. Supplies were generally adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady to instances weak. Retail demand was mixed, light to fairly good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times available for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was light for the adequate offerings. Most buyers watched market conditions and evaluated current needs before purchasing additional product. Floor stocks were adequate. The trade sentiment was generally steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to instances good. Supplies generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was generally fair to moderate entering the week. Supplies of all sizes were adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending December 31, 1999, was 73.30 cents, 5.06 less than the week before, and 9.75 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were mostly adequate, and demand for additional product was no better than moderate. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current slaughter needs.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific Region inventory was 2% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 1%. Retailer demand very good. Offerings in close balance.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	117-119	106-108	63-65
New York	81-83	78-81	58-61
Philadelphia	79-81	77-79	57-58
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	71-72	69.5-71	53-54
Jackson (1)	81-82	78-79	62-63
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	80-93	77-91	57-71
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	70-75	69-74	50-55
Detroit (2)	67-70	66-69	46-49
Major Ohio Cities (2)	68-73	67-71	47-52
Major Wisconsin Cities	71-78	69-76	50-57
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	88-89	83-85	64-65
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	110	103	92

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand very good both Friday and Monday. Offerings close. Small invoice price 72. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 199, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 79.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	123
EXTRA LARGE	110
LARGE	103
MEDIUM	92

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	189-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	139-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 07, 2000 will decrease by 18 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 31, 1999 were 326,628 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 11 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	292,832	33,796	326,628
% change from the prior week.....	-12	+9	-10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Most buyers evaluating needs and watching market developments before purchasing additional nest run product. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	22-27	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-13	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand for spent hens was only moderate. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16	9-11	11.11

WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority trading was unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fairly good for adequate but reduced offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was cautious but generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8-11	10.01
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Jan 3, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.8	10.0	6.0	8.2	8.4	37.4
	Change	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.7	24.8	10.0	21.8	16.9	92.2
	Change	3.0	1.6	2.8	6.9	-1.1	17%
Large	Curr Wk	31.6	67.8	51.1	48.7	72.1	271.3
	Change	7.7	-4.3	12.1	-3.1	4.0	6%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.3	32.8	14.4	15.1	18.5	94.1
	Change	0.6	1.6	1.6	-3.4	-1.5	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	2.7	5.0	3.3	7.3	5.6	23.9
	Change	0.1	-0.4	-0.5	0.9	0.1	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	19.9	7.1	10.0	6.2	49.5
	Change	0.5	1.0	-0.6	-1.6	-1.2	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	37.9	70.2	16.4	24.9	51.8	201.2
	Change	7.3	29.8	-1.0	3.8	3.9	28%
Total	Curr Wk	115.3	230.5	108.3	136.0	179.5	769.6
Percent	Change	20%	15%	16%	2%	2%	10%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	769.6	10%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	424.6	5%	40
Total Shell Egg	1194.2	8%	208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168.0 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

NOT AVAILABLE

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 31,1999

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	13.25	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	5.50	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	18.75
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CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	SC	NW		SW		LOADS
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG					DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	—	—	55.00	56.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	58.67	1.50	
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	57.84	4.75	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	48.84	—	6.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	40.00	44.00	2.00	
GL W MD	—	—	39.00	41.00	—	—	2.00									
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	26.00	—	—	1.00									
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	18.00	20.00	3.00									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/25/99-12/31/99

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	115.50	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	37.50	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	153.00
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	54.50	55.50	55.25	57.22	51.33	—	41.00	GNR W 1	53.83	56.47	—	—	—	63.50	19.00				
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	47.00	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	57.50	2.00				
GNR W 3	—	34.00	36.00	37.00	25.83	28.50	6.25	GNR W 3	—	36.50	—	—	—	—	4.00				
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	74.00	—	—	2.25	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50				
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	74.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	55.33	—	—	—	—	63.33	1.50				
GL W XL	—	—	—	67.00	53.11	—	8.25	GL W XL	60.00	60.33	—	68.50	—	60.13	6.50				
GL W LG	—	—	62.00	63.50	51.53	—	28.00	GL W LG	52.90	62.41	—	67.50	58.00	59.03	27.50				
GL W MD	—	—	39.83	41.67	38.42	—	19.50	GL W MD	41.00	44.40	—	46.00	40.00	45.55	13.75				
GL W SM	—	23.00	22.92	25.50	—	—	8.00	GL W SM	21.50	—	—	—	—	25.25	2.00				
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	31.00	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	16.00	18.00	—	—	—	—	1.00				
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	24.88	27.00	4.00	NRBS - 39	14.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	1.00				
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	22.50	24.00	1.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	18.00	20.00	7.00												
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	22.50	2.00												

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 12/19/99 - 12/25/99****Origin**

State	AZ	AR	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	NH	OH	OR	PA	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	660	0	0	0	0	0	1,156	0	0	770	0	2,586
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,128	0	0	0	474	1,602
S. CA	3	1,584	840	2,650	816	3,702	1,588	940	2,777	0	750	750	2,424	0	18,824
TTL STATE	3	1,584	840	3,310	816	3,702	1,588	940	2,777	2,284	750	750	3,194	474	23,012
SHIPPED TO MILITARY:	0														

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	98-101	87-90	44-47	14-17

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
75-78	66-72	64-69	44-49	28-32

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
50-52	32-34	18-20

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
84.71	68.53	46.18

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/29/99	12/20/99	12/28/98
PACIFIC COAST	57	63	76
LOS ANGELES	0	0	18

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR December 28,1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 12/19/99-12/25/99  
30-dozen cases 4,357

Receipts from the mainland: 12/12/99-12/18/99  
30-dozen cases 4,295

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